GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5907
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Patent for Seeds
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) opposed the notification issued by Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare on Licensing and Formats for GM Technology Licensing Agreement Guidelines, 2016 and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the above guidelines exclusively relate to seeds and do not contravene provisions of any statute more particularly Patent Act and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a): The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare had issued draft guidelines, namely, "Licensing Guidelines and Formats for GM Technology Agreements" on 24th May, 2016 for comments/ suggestions from all stakeholders. DIPP is engaged with Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare in this regard.

(b): The above guidelines affect the patented rights granted on gene technology, and hence cannot be said to exclusively relate to seeds.

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